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Figures justify a better deal from media, PM told

SOCER ASKS FRASER FOR HELP

Strong bid for TV coverage

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, and the Minister for Post and Telecommunications, Mr Staley, have been asked to help soccer get more television exposure.

Soccer officials at a meeting in Canberra gave Mr Fraser and Mr Staley statistics to justify more coverage in the media, particularly on television.

One of the officials, Mr John Frank, manager of the national Philips Soccer League, said:

"We gave Mr Fraser and Mr Staley a four-page situation report on what will be happening in Australian soccer in the next four years.

"During this period, we will compete in Olympic Games qualifying matches, we will stage the finals of the 1981 world youth championship, we will try to qualify for the 1982 World Cup in Spain and we will have England and perhaps some other national teams in Australia for our soccer centenary celebrations.

"We pointed out to Mr Fraser and Mr Staley that about 427,000 juniors and seniors play soccer in Australia.

"We also presented the findings of a recent survey by the Australian National University Research Division."

In this survey, conducted in the Australian Capital Territory, comparisons were made between the popularity of soccer, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Australian Rules football.

People were asked whether they played one or another of the sports or went to matches, whether they watched the sport on television and whether they were interested in the sport.

RI RU Rules Soccer
Do you watch or play the game? 8 7 8 17
Do you watch it on TV? 35 13 26 27.5
Disinterested in the sport? 57 80 66 55.5

Mr Frank said he and the other soccer officials were pleased with the reaction they got from Mr Fraser and Mr Staley.

"Mr Staley said with some pride that his son plays soccer in preference to the other sports and both Mr Staley and Mr Fraser said they were aware of the magnitude of the world youth championships which are to be held in Australia in 1981," Mr Frank said.

"We pointed out that any network willing to cover soccer's big events and the Olympic or World Cup matches, for instance — should get involved with the game on a regular basis.

"This would ensure that the network develops the necessary expertise to handle the big events when they come along."

Mr Franks said he expected officers of Mr Staley's department to call for further reports on media coverage of soccer.

"The Australian Soccer Federation will also continue its drive to get a better deal from the media," Mr Frank said.

"It is up to us to take a more aggressive stance."

Canberra City's president, Mr Charles Perkins, arranged the meeting between Mr Fraser and Mr Staley and the soccer officials.

The soccer delegation comprised Mr Frank, ASF senior vice-president, Mr Vic Tuting, Philips League chairman Mr Sam Papasavas, Canberra City secretary Mr Max Talbot and Mr Perkins.



Team-mates congratulate Mimis Papaioannou after he had steered AEK Athens to the 1978 Greek championship by scoring against Olympiakos.

Polonia Mimis' first victim?

"We've got the best Greek support in Australia. I wish I were a millionaire so I could bring more Greek stars to make our fans happy. They deserve it."

It was Jim Tsabassis talking, only moments after Mimis Papaioannou had confirmed his visit to Australia.

Papaioannou will play until December for Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs, of which Mr Tsabassis is president.

Papaioannou by phone last Friday that his club, AEK

Athens, would definitely clear him to play for Wests.

His first game will be probably against Polonia on June 23.

Papaioannou's visit will cost about \$30,000.

To make full use of the superstar's visit, Wests are negotiating to play at the home of Sunshine City, Chaplin Reserve, rather than the smaller Ralph Street ground.

The club also wants all its matches played on Saturdays, to avoid Sunday competition from Greek giants South Melbourne and Heidelberg United.

West Adelaide, Marrickville Olympic (NSW) and Preston Makedonia (Vic) have indicated they are willing to play friendly matches against Western Suburbs during Papaioannou's visit.

NZ trip for State star
"Soccer Action's" Victorian player of the year will win a return trip for two to New Zealand.
The trip is being provided by General Tourist Travel Service of 365 Victoria Street, Abbotsford (phone 428 1394).
Votes for the award are cast by "Soccer Action" on a 3-1 basis. Progress votes have been appearing weekly.



FK Partizan Belgrade, standing from left: Stojkovic, Zalad, Djurovic, Lazicic, Kozic, Kunovic, Hikitovic. Front: Klinerski, Varga, Todorovic, Santrac, Prekazi.

Match of the year

The Victorian State League "match of the year" between Croatia and Makedonia will be played at the Olympic Park greyhound stadium at 3 pm on Sunday.

A special two-page preview, with pictures, appears on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Slobodan Santrac, six times top scorer of the Yugoslav First Division, is the major drawcard of Partizan Belgrade which will tour Australia this month.

Other Partizan stars are Stojkovic, Trifunovic and Hanic, who recently returned from a stint in Turkey.

Santrac joined OFK Belgrade at the age of 17 and was the team's top scorer 11 times.

Later he had two years with Swiss Club Grasshoppers Zurich. He was top scorer in Switzerland during this period.

Santrac joined Partizan last year and quickly captured the fans' imagination.

A serious injury recently kept him out of action for two months.

Santrac top man

but he scored in his return match last week, to give Partizan a 1-1 draw with Sarajevo.

Partizan starts its Australian tour against the Victorian State team at Olympic Park, on Sunday, June 24.

Other games are:

Wednesday, June 27: v. South Australia, Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 pm.

Friday, June 29: v. Newcastle KB, Utd, International Sports Centre, 7 pm.

Sunday, July 1: v. Australian XI, Sydney Sports Ground, 3 pm.

WILSON IS BOSS AGAIN

The Soccerroos' build-up for the Olympic Games starts in earnest when they meet New Zealand in Auckland tonight (Wednesday).

Peter Wilson is back after a two-year absence and will captain the team. John Kosmina plays his first game for the Roos since returning from Arsenal.

Australia's squad is: Greg Woodhouse, Peter Wilson, Agenor Muniz (Adelaide City), Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, (Sydney City), Col Curran (Newcastle KB Utd), Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions), Paul Degney, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovic, Eddie Krcicovic (Marconi), John O'Shea (St. George), John Kosmina, Martyn Crook (West Adelaide).

Victoria meets Sunbury

The Victorian State team will play against Provincial League side Sunbury United tonight (Wednesday) as part of its preparation for the game against Partizan Belgrade on June 24.

Tonight's match is the first under the new floodlights at Langama Reserve in Mitchell's Lane, Sunbury. The match starts at 7.15 pm.

An official 'switch-on' will take place at about 6.45 pm.

The Sunbury team will feature guest stars including George Train of Altona City and his brother Jim Train of Slavia.

Sunbury, which recently became a limited company, plans to build \$100,000 clubrooms next year.

Carson new Lions boss

Matt Carson resumed his association with Socceroo striker Tony Brennan when he replaced Eddie Spearritt as coach of Brisbane Lions last week.

Carson coached Brennan at Queensland State League club Southside Eagles before Brennan joined Lions early this year.

Carson hopes to lure Brennan's former Eagle teammate Ron Millman to Lions. Millman is a Queensland State player.

Eagles' new coach is Walter Tamandl, the former Prague (NSW) star. Tamandl and Gyula Vincze were among the applicants for the Lions job, which became vacant when Spearritt resigned last week.

Spearritt will continue as a player. — BRUCE WADELL.



Former State coach Frank Wimmer has got together Victoria's first all-Aboriginal junior team at Lake Tyers, in the south-east.

He calls them the Young Socceroos and he hopes a few Harry Williams types will emerge to go on and represent their country.

Wimmer, who coached Croatia, Footscray, Slavia and Box Hill during his distinguished career, moved to Lakes Entrance 15 months ago when soccer was virtually un-

Lake Tyers has own Socceroos

known in the district.

He got to work on popularising the game and has since started three under 12 teams including

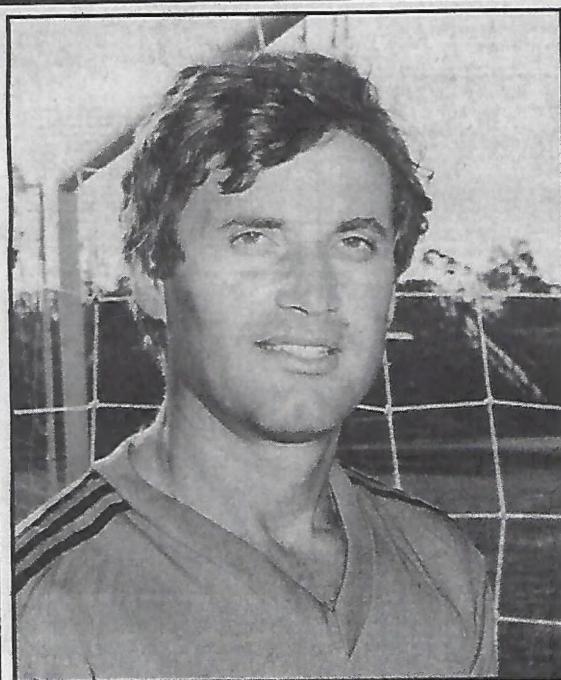
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He is pictured above (back row, centre) with his Lake Tyers youngsters.

Back row from left: John Bryant (team manager), Frank Wimmer, Murray Bull (general manager). Middle row: Carlo Tunstall, Junial Edwards, Daryl Hood, Eddy Hood, Leonard Bryant, Rodney Hayes, Derick Hayes.

Front row: Murray Bull Jnr, Willie Bryant, Keith Bryant, Eddy Bryant, Craig Edwards.

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Close watch on Adelaide trio

While going through the trials and tribulations of trying to form a successful national team, coach Rudi Gutendorf is keeping a close watch on at least three South Australians Martyn Crook, John Kosmina and Vic Bozanic.

They are under consideration for the squad that will meet Taiwan in Olympic qualifying matches in Indonesia next month.

The three are pictured here.

FAR LEFT: Crook rises high to make a save in West Adelaide's 4-3 victory over South Melbourne. CENTRE: Kosmina heads for goal. LEFT: Bozanic evades a sliding tackle from Mike Pye.

Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

The 'tender trap' threatens Rudi

Without any doubt whatsoever, Rudi Gutendorf is the most professional, businesslike personality to appear on the Australian soccer scene in many a year.

Not only is this statement true when one realises the man's back-ground, but also when we consider the salary which he is reputed to receive, the freedom of action (well, almost) he has and the financial means at his disposal in Australian soccer's attempt to scale the World Cup heights again in 1982.

Therefore, it is only natural that the stern and plain-speaking Rudi receives his fair share of publicity and media exposure.

This is something that can only bring benefit soccer in general, as the column inches devoted to Gutendorf are to the benefit of the round-ball code as a whole.

However, let me issue a warning!

Watch out Rudi, you may be falling into a "tender trap".

While the overwhelming majority of soccer journoes seem to be keeping things pretty much in their proper perspective, there is

the odd voice here and there, seemingly intent on defying our national coach.

Let us recall the old truism: "The higher the pedestal on which you put a person, the harder the fall when it occurs".

This is not to say that Rudi is heading for the big drop, not by a long shot.

He has so far proven himself refreshingly outspoken and encouragingly open-minded, ready to pick the brains of all who may have some good advice or valuable information for him.

Our coach did not attempt to assume the mantle of the Delphic Oracle who was reported to have been infallible, while at the same time he is always ready to voice his forthright opinions, even if on occasion they are uncomfortable for some people.

And more power to him, I say!

Allowing for this, however, the last thing Rudi needs is a coterie of "admirers" around him, always ready to tell him exactly what they think he might want to hear.

I trust that Gutendorf, with his many years of experience — and let's admit, ups and downs — in soccer management, will have acquired the hard-boiled will of realism which would enable him to single out the sycophants, ever ready and able to bask in the reflected glory of his successes.

One can only hope this is so, because such camp followers are always the first to turn on the national coach if things go wrong, as they occasionally will.

Let us remember the unfortunate — and very recent — example of Jimmy Shoulder, one of nature's gentlemen but not national coach material.

I am happy to say that most members of our profession were fully aware of Jimmy's shortcomings and made no bones about our many misgivings.

This did not stop the media community from singing his praises when there was an occasion for it, such as during the Socceroos' excellent showing in the World Soccer Tournament.

But even during the Shoulder era there were consistent campaigns to the effect that the media had no right to do anything but in

100 percent agreement with the national coach's every whim and fancy.

The fact that his players adored the friendly Jimmy was elevated as the national supremo's major virtue.

In the meantime we were "getting done" by the likes of Kuwait.

It caused little surprise when the Kuwaitis, who were not even the first to turn on the unfortunate Shoulder as the 1979 Socceroos finally ran out of chances, excuses and opportunities, as inevitably had to.

Be careful Rudi; don't allow yourself to be set up as the party.

Now that you are settled in and presumably aware of the semi-pro status of the game in Australia (and that includes playing, coaching and administration) ram home continuously the point that you can only do your best under the circumstances.

What is all anyone can ask of you?

But, even the world's greatest coach must depend to a certain extent on his backup services, the co-operation of all and sundry.

What Rudi Gutendorf needs right now is support, support for his extraordinary demands on clubs and players (extraordinary by our standards that is), financial support and lots and lots of patience and understanding regardless of immediate results.

After all, in the final reckoning the results against New Zealand, Taiwan or even in Moscow do not matter.

The only thing that matters is Spain in 1982!

Defeating the purpose

Sydney City is thinking of playing some of its home matches in Gosford and other country centres.

My acquaintances among the Blue-and-White club's supporters fervently hope that the club's management will rip the proposal in its bid before there is any chance of it blossoming.

While playing at say, Gosford would be great for the locals and undoubtedly serve as a shot in the arm for country soccer, what about City's own fans, they ask.

"We changed the club's name from Hakoah to Sydney City to boost our crowds and home support at Wentworth Park," one told me.

"I fail to see how this purpose would be served by cutting down on the number of our home games; it's almost as if we wanted to discourage our faithful followers from seeing the team."

Putting on promotional appearances in the bush is a noble objective. Possibly the Philips Cup could have been utilised for the purpose.

But to suggest giving away vital home ground advantage in the "big one", the PSL is strange to say the least.

The Sydney City Board of Directors are a businesslike, wide-awake lot, as witnessed by the fruit of their labours — a team which is perhaps the most consistently outstanding since Federation soccer's birth in the late fifties.

I trust they will again demonstrate their wisdom when they make their decision on this matter.

Norwich inferior

How about that magnificent second half display by NSW against Norwich City?

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team.

BANOVIC (1)
(H'berg)

PERRY (3) (Bris C) **DRINKWATER (2)** (Newc) **DEMPSEY (2)** (APIA) **O'CONNOR (4)** (Syd C)

KRNEVIC (3) (Marconi) **JANKOVIC (3)** (Marconi) **RAMPANTI (1)** (APIA)

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Ainslie 6, Wilson 7, Raskopoulos 8, Jennings 8, Laing
7, Scott 5 (Palmer 80').

MARCONI: Maher 8, Berry 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 8,
Dugney 7, Byrne 7, Maniani 6 (Lindsay 58'), Henderson
8, Krnevic 8, Jankovic 8, Sharne 9.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 WEST ADELAIDE 1. Ratings by
Meno Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 7,
Dodd 6, B. Nykohus 7, Besir 6, Munis 8, Northcote
6, Deans 7 (Mawel), J. Nykohus 7, Kent 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Bozanic 6, Reynolds 7,
Tymczyszyn 8, Kambas 6, Jones 7, Boyle 6, Pillans

(McGregor 6), Norris 7, Kosmina 7, Honeyman 6.

APIA 3 v FOOTSCRAY 2 Ratings by Tony Raciti:

APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McGinn 7, Wilson 8,
Dempsey 9, Pullen 7 (Turnbull 69th), Boden 8,
Carruthers 5 (O'Donnell 58th), Stone 6, Rampanti 9 —
Roberts 7, Reed 7.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 7 — Ristic 7, Jovicic 7, Kon-
darios 8, Lujic 7 Palikas 7, Rujevic 7, Ollerton 8,
Ilioski 7, Vasic 7 (Ristovski 65th), Picioane 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTED 4 v ST GEORGE 2. Ratings by
Joe Lanzon:

NEWCASTLE: Preston 7 (injured, Dando 7 half
time) Willis 7, Drinkwater 8, Summerscales 7 (inj.,
Mason 7, 43rd), Curran 8 McClelland 7, Sneddon 7,
Cowburn 7, McGreen 7, Boden 8, Tredinnick 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Harris 7, Della Picca 7, Ut-
jescovic 7, R. O'Shea 7, Katholos 6 (Grosse 7, half
time), Grav 6, J. O'Shea 7, T. Mihajlovic 7 (Morgan
79th) Hensman 7, Cotton 8.

CANBERRA 1 BRISBANE LIONS 2 Ratings by
Peter Windsor

CANBERRA CITY: Hozewski 7, Moulis 7, Hogg 7,
Williams 7, Callaghan 7, Stark 7, Davies 8, Fielding 7
(Grulic 67th minute). Brown 7, Cant 7, Byrne 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 7, Lawrie 7, Niven 7,
Spearratt 7 (Russell 45th minute 7), Bennett 8, Her-
miston 8, Fairbrother 8, Wallace 7 (Low 79th minute)
Wilson 7, Laszlo 7, Brennan 8.

HEIDELBERG 2 SYDNEY CITY 2. Ratings by
Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 Yankos 8, Provan 8,
Yzendoorn 8, Tansley 8, Taylor 7, Bannon 8, Rooney 8
(Paton 55th, 91) Campbell 8, Cole 5 (Bozanic 65th),
Buljevic 9.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 Mullen 7, Treter 8, O'-
Connor 9, Bruce 8 Barnes 8, Souness 8, Stevenson 7,
Watson 8, Smith 7, Borges 5 (Silva 57th).

BRISBANE CITY 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

CITY — Wishart 7, Perry 9, Ratcliffe 9, Potter 8,
Wilkinson 8, Gaffney 7, Pimblett 8, Coyne 7, Caldwell
6, Campbell 5 Low 6 (Kalgo 59th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE — Hansen 7, Pye 7, Baxter 8,
Munro 7, Davidson 7, Wright (Kafalatidis 6, 32nd),
Drakeford 8, Christopoulos 7, Lutton 6 (Cummings
80th) Evans 7, Campbell 7.

Leading averages:

8.0 Jankovic (Marc)
7.8 Tokes (BC), Hermiston (BL), Pye (SM), S.O.-
Connor (SC) Crook (WA), Prskalo, Sharne (Marc),
Raskopoulos (SO).

7.7 Potter, Perry (BC), Byrne (Marc)
7.6 Wilkinson (BC), Davies (Can), Clarke (SC),
Meier, Jennings (SO).

7.5 Marshall (AC), Rampanti (APIA), Gaffney (BC),
Starke (Can), Kondarios (Fooths), Watson (SC), Krne-
vic, Henderson (Marc).

7.4 Woodhouse (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Rooney,
Buljevic (H'berg), Boden (Newc), Baxter, Davidson
(SM), Bruce (SC).

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11. Jankovic (Marc).
9. Smith (SC).

Hellas v APIA Monday

South Melbourne's match against APIA will be played at Middle Park on Monday instead of Sunday.

The change was necessary because Victorian State League club Hakoah had booked Middle Park for the Sunday.

Rejuvenated Footscray J.U.S.T. is well placed to return to the winning list against Newcastle KB United at Olympic Park on Sunday. Newcastle is hard-hit by injuries, with Jim Preston, Arne Borgman, Graham Heys, Jim Seddon and Bill Summerscales all doubtful.

Weekend Philips League matches with likely winners in capitals:

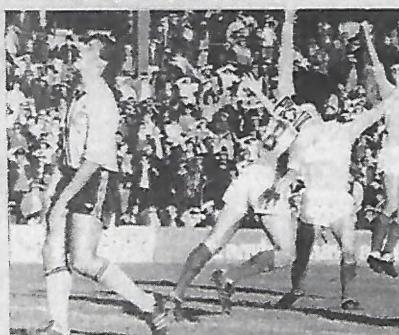
IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY v. Canberra City, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm



ABOVE: Sydney City star Steve O'Connor shields the ball from Heidelberg's scorer Jim Campbell.

BELOW: Sydney City players rejoice as Murray Barnes (No 8) puts the Slickers ahead 1-0. From left: Bob Provan, Barnes, Joe Watson, Borges, Terry Smith, Jim Campbell.



- Low (BC)
- Brennan (BL), Deane (AC).
- Kovacic (Marc), Drinkwater (Newc).
- Eaton (SO), Watson (SC), Sharpe (Marc), Picioane (Foots).
- Norris (WA), Barnes (SC), Evans (SMI), Heys (Newc), Kelso (BC).
- Pillans, Koamina (WA), Stevenson (SC), P.O'Connor, J.O'Shea (St. G), G. Byrne (Marc), Summerscales, Boden (Newc), Cole, Buljevic (H'berg), Reed (APIA), Ristovski (Foots), T. Byrne Grujicic (Can), J. Nyskohus, Northcote (AC).

MARCONI v. Heidelberg Utd, Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm
St. George v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC**, St. George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v. **ADELAIDE CITY**, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE v. Brisbane City, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN MELBOURNE

FOOTSCRAY v. Newcastle KB United, Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. **APIA-Leichhardt**, Middle Park, Monday 3 pm.

Avala wins thriller

NSW State League

A goalscoring spree highlighted by a thrilling second half ended with Avala storming home 4-3 against Molita Eagles in the Peppi State League match at Knight Park.

Molita scored first in the 17th minute when Don Allan headed in from a Joe Farugia cross.

Avala equalised four minutes later when Zoran Djuricic collected the ball 18 metres out and beat advancing Don Smith in the Molita goal.

Two minutes later Avala went further ahead when Barry Young clipped the ball over keeper Smith from 10 metres.

Branko Kodor added another in the 40th minute when he scored from the rebound off another Young shot.

After 68 minutes Avala scored from another Farugia cross and a minute later Avala netted again through Kodor, following a strong midfield run.

Joe Farugia scored for Molita in the 70th minute from the penalty spot.

Competition leaders Croatia struggled to get their game together in defeating Yugal 2-0 at the Bankstown Soccer Centre.

It was the effervescent Atti Allan who chased a ball to the goal line wide out on the left. Abomyl passed to Greg Smith whose curling cross left the defence stranded and Michael Fououghy drove the ball into the net from 15 metres out.

With 12 minutes of play remaining Walter Savor Misilita shot towards goal.

The Yugal goalkeeper was unsighted and the ball trickled into the corner of the net for Croatia's second goal to wrap up the game.

Sutherland dropped a valuable point in the race to capture a place in the top four when 0-0 with Maribor at Olympic Park, St. George, Shaw Park.

The Green club could thank goalkeeper El Zeln who time and time again saved impossible shots in the second half.

Ku-ring-gai continued to improve from over the past month by beating Manly 1-0 at Parklands Oval.

A man started in midfield culminated with Derek Sidey grabbing possession eight metres out and giving the goalkeeper no chance.

Tony Morse equalised in the 37th minute following a bad mix-up in Amcille's defence.

Second-placed Monaro had to battle long and hard before finally subduing the lowly Amcille Scots 2-1 at Hurstville Oval.

The winning goal came in the 81st minute when Sabino Giampaoletti brought on a minute earlier as a substitute, was fouled in the penalty area.

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Two goals within five minutes by Steve Montgomery gave Auburn a narrow but deserved victory over Parramatta City at Garside Park.

Auburn won 2-1 in a hard fought traditional 'Derby' between the two clubs.

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Smith) d MANLY 0, at Parklands Oval. Crowd: 261.

MONARO 2 (Morsello, Valeri) d ARNCILLE SCOTS (Sidey), at Hurstville. Crowd: 275.

SUTHERLAND 0 drew with MARRICKVILLE.

LE OLYMPIC 0, at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd: 910.

AUBURN 2 (Montgomery 2) d PARRAMATTA CITY 1 (Harvey), at Garside Park. Crowd: 221.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Daly) d TOONGABBIE 0, at Toongabbie. Crowd: 435.

CROATIA 1 (Fenuganti, Savor) d YUGAL 0, at Bankstown. Crowd: 4500.

AVALA 4 (Kodor 2, Durišić, Young) d MELITA EAGLES 3 (Allen 2, J. Farrugia), at Knight Park. Crowd: 3850.

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Inter-Monaro 2 2 30 18 17

Sutherland 5 4 3 24 14 14

Melita Eagles 4 5 2 19 13 13

Avala 6 1 5 19 22 13

Toongabbie 4 4 4 20 20 12

Kuring-gai 3 8 3 14 19 12

Wests Olympic 4 3 5 18 18 11

Bankstown 4 3 5 13 14 11

Auburn 4 3 5 23 25 11

Parramatta 5 0 7 13 24 10

Manly 3 2 7 11 17 8

Arncille Scots 2 3 7 10 21 7

Yugal 2 2 7 11 19 6

Top scorers:

10. Valeri (IM)

10. Hall (Suth)

9. Abomyl (Cr) Allan (ME), Montgomery (Aub)

8. Fisher (Toon)

5. T. Morsello (IM), Ramisch (MO), Jack (Man), Kovacic (Cr), Firrell (KRC), Brown (MO).

Midfielders John McDonald and Vic Juchniewicz won a feast of the ball for Auburn but the forwards could not finish.

In the 50th minute midfielder Horace Ruiz chipped the ball into the middle for Montgomery to head the net from 15 metres.

Within five minutes Auburn was further ahead when Montgomery slammed a perfect pass from Juchniewicz into the net.

Parramatta narrowed the gap when, in one of their rare ventures up front, Dave Harvey scored with a header in the 75th minute.

An 85th minute goal by Dennis Daly gave Bankstown a 1-0 victory over Toongabbie in the match at Garside Ground.

Daly latched onto a back pass and slid it past the keeper.

Toongabbie had the best of the first half with Dave Hardinge and Jim Izatt pressuring the brittle Bankstown defence.

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This week's top goalkeeper is
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Marty Creek leads in the voting.



Player of the match, Branko Buljevic (right) tussles with Kevin Mullen (left) and Mark Trenter. In the background is John Stevenson. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Joe Lanzoni

**Mihailovic a Saint**NEWCASTLE KB 4
ST GEORGE 2

Scorers — KB Utd: Drinkwater 2nd & pen. 88th; Summerscales 32nd, Cowburn 75th; St George: Cotton 43rd, Hensman 89th.

Ground: Internationals Sports Centre. Weather: Fine.

Cautions: Drinkwater (NU) Willis (NU) Guavis (SG) Cotton (SG). Crowd: 8288. Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

Tom Mihailovic, recruited from Avala, made his first appearance for St George in this match, but to no avail.

Saints tried to start slow, methodical build-ups from the park, which has been the trade mark of St George teams.

Playing that kind of football against a team like Newcastle which bases its game on putting pressure on the ball and playing in the opposition's third of the park, was looking for trouble.

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The ever-present Bill Summerscales, in nodding it into the net, collided with diving goalkeeper Michael Fraser, injuring his knee and hip, and had to be replaced by Craig Mason.

It was half a minute after this change that St George narrowed the gap with a headed goal by Roy Cotton.

The second half started with St George looking capable of salvaging something from the game.

But it all ended in the 88th minute when Rudi Della Cappa fouled Ken Boden in the box and Roy Drinkwater added to his already impressive goal tally by scoring from the penalty.

Seven minutes later, Cowburn made it 4-1 after a little bit of magic by Ken Boden on the left.

With one minute remaining, George Harris' cross from the right found Peter Hensman whose header put paid to any hope the locals had of getting three points.

St George must start believing in themselves if they are to win games. Possibly the return of injured Phil O'Connor could be a confidence booster.

For Allan Vest this week will be only a matter of counting able bodies to select his team to play Footscray in Melbourne on Sunday.

Bruce Waddell

**Sub. Kelso the hero**BRISBANE C 1
STH MELB 0Scorers — Kelso 72nd
Ground: Perry Park
Attendance: 2000
Crowd: 500
Referee: Doug Rennie 6
Cautions: Retcliffe (BC), Christopoulos, Evans (SPY)

Big Barry Kelso provided the vital difference when Brisbane City renewed its top four campaign by beating South Melbourne Hellas 1-0 at Perry Park. Kelso was a surprise omission from the starting City lineup and for most of the game City missed his strength and leadership. He was referred to Kelso as City's new signing Bobby Campbell, who did not have an impressive debut, and City supporters were calling for Kelso long before he came on in the 59th minute.

Kelso caused plenty of problems in the previously composed Hellas backline and was on the park only 13 minutes when he raced away to score the decisive goal in typical fashion.

John Coyne slipped a pass through a solid Hellas defence, Kelso chipped towards John Hansen and cracked his right-foot shot into the upper right hand corner of the net.

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There were few early openings created until the 15th minute when Perry sent Kevin Caldwell, who was back after his five-week suspension, away on the right, and Kevin Low's shot was cleared off the line by Munro.

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Right on halftime, Hansen made a blunder which almost let Caldwell in and Pimblett eventually fired off Pye for a corner.

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The first 10 minutes of the second half belonged entirely to Hellas. Ken Boden in the box and David and Davidsson hit the side netting in the 47th minute.

Only four minutes later, Evans missed an absolute sitter. Baxter sent Christopoulos away and drew Wishart before squaring to the unmarked Evans. With no one at home, Evans inexplicably missed and the chance was lost. It was probably the turning point of the match.

Christopoulos again bulldozed his way down the middle and from 20 metres out Perry's tremendous speed and strength enabled him to dart through and push the ball back to his keeper.

Then Kelso came on and immediately started to make inroads. He jinked his way past three defenders on the left and found Caldwell, who leant back as shot and delivered well over the top.

Kelso snatched what proved to be the winner and Munro began to indicate Hellas realised the match had slipped away when he gave a foolish pass under no pressure. Pimblett and Kelso almost went in again.

Six minutes from the end, with Hellas storming back strongly in search of the equaliser, Drakeford's shot was not safely held by Wishart. Evans pounced after the loose ball but was unfairly penalised for fouling the prosthetic keeper.

Right on full time, Hellas almost pulled out of the fire when Baxter soared high for a Drakeford corner but Michael had a brilliant

Meno Toutsidis

**Was West robbed?**ADELAIDE CITY 2
WEST ADELAIDE 1Scorers — Northcote, Marne (AC) Pillans (WA)
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium
Attendance: 11,127
Weather: Mild
Cautions: Northcote (AC) McGregor, Norris (WA)
referee: Beazley 7

Adelaide City beat West Adelaide for the second time in two months in controversial circumstances.

With the score locked at 1-1, West was denied a goal by referee Tony Beazley when the ball appeared to cross the line before being cleared.

Beazley waved play on after a moment's hesitation and the ball was swept forward for Robert Marve to grab the winner for City with a headed goal.

West Adelaide protested but Beazley stood firm.

On April 25 Adelaide City triumphed 1-0 in the Philips Cup match with a dubious last-minute penalty kick.

West suffered a major set back when it lost big striker Dave Pillans in the 15th minute.

John Pein brought him down on the touchline and Pillans went off to receive treatment.

He came back five minutes later with a heavily strapped foot, but he couldn't continue and was replaced by Ian McGregor.

Injury has become a familiar sight in West-City matches.

West lost Neil McGachey with a broken leg in the Philips Cup match, and in two matches between the clubs three other players had to leave with injuries.

Pillans' loss was crucial because he had caused City severe problems during his brief stay, and when he grabbed West's other goal.

Vic Bozanic floated a superb free kick to Pillans who rose splendidly to power the ball past Peter Marshall.

Earlier John Nyskohus steered the ball wide under pressure from one metre, but Norris followed that up with an even worse miss when he kicked wide from five metres with Marshall stranded.

Chris Kent was causing a lot of concern on the flanks and he almost scored with a vicious shot from 20 metres which Crook tipped over the bar.

The young Peter Boyle, who had a quiet game, best three defenders before slipping a ball to John Kosmina who pivoted and shot from inside the penalty area but Marshall handled the ball confidently.

Kosmina was in great touch and along with Norris exposed City's defence many times.

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The second half was played at a much slower pace and there were few goalmouth incidents.

But City were almost presented with a goal in the 65th minute when Con Kambas made a mess of a clearance and Deans poked the ball to the far corner but Crook made a superb one-handed save.

Kambas was close in the 88th minute with a header which was blocked by a defender and then came that fateful moment when West were deprived of a goal and City punished them at the other end.

Dixie Deans came off late in the game and was replaced by Robert Marve after Kost's shot had bounded off the bar. Deans had a gashed leg that required four stitches.

Micevski, O'Reilly

Heidelberg United has transfer-listed Mike Micevski and Jim O'Reilly.

Micevski, a product of Altona City, Victoria, played for Hakoah and Marconi before being transferred to Heidelberg for \$9000 in early 1978.

He has played for Australia six times.

O'Reilly, who was with Hamilon Academics in Scotland, joined Heidelberg from Slavia together with Jim Tansey in a \$14,000 deal in early 1977.

Micevski is a forward or mid-

Laurie Schwab

**Cole's on a downer**HEIDELBERG UTD 2
SYDNEY CITY 2

Scorers — Heidelberg: Campbell 54th, Paton 69th; Sydney City: Barnes 44th, Paton 89th.

Ground: Olympic Park
Attendance: 4452
Weather: Cool and clear.
Cautions: Cole 70th

What's happened to Gary Cole? Heidelberg is preparing to meet league leader Marconi on Sunday. So it's a good time to ask the question that could have been asked many weeks ago.

Cole is a better player than he was against Sydney City last Sunday and against most other teams this year.

National coach Peter Gudelius hailed him as the new Socceroo shiner nine weeks ago. Cole has himself down as a 'shiner'.

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From JIM COOK,
our European correspondent

Avi Cohen, the Israeli international defender, signed for Liverpool for a 200,000 pound fee (about \$350,000) — then played one half for his country and the second half for his new club in a 3-3 draw in a friendly match in Tel Aviv.

The man Cohen will remain in the Liverpool squad — Emlyn Hughes — may join Bristol City as a player/coach.

If Hughes joins Bristol he will form an awesome defensive partnership with Norman Hunter, the former Leeds Utd. star.

When Rangers beat Hibs 3-2 in the second reply after extra time of the Scottish Cup it created a record of being the longest running final in the history of the competition.

Spanish club Bilbao, keen to have a British manager, has links with Barry McGarry, boss of Newcastle United. Barry Moore and Frank O'Farrell have also been linked with Bilbao.

Coventry City is laying 22 miles of underground heating cable at a cost of 42,000 pounds to beat the British winter.

Kenny Dalglish, still only 27, has played a record 62 times for Scotland. Dalglish says that next season his club Liverpool will be chasing the treble — League, FA Cup and European Cup.

Geoff Hurst, as expected, has joined Chelsea as chief coach. He will join Danny Blanchflower's set-up at Stamford Bridge when his contract with non-league side — Telford United — finishes this month.

Former England skipper Gerry Francis moved along the road from QPR to promoted Crystal Palace for 465,000 pounds.

New York Cosmos wanted to borrow Coventry's Steve Hunt for the summer and offered 25,000 pounds, but Coventry want 60,000 pounds.

Pop Robson, the West Ham veteran now back up north, is likely to sign for Sunderland. This will disappoint its rival — Newcastle United.

Ian Graves, the Bolton manager, was offered the lucrative Sunderland post but turned it down. Sunderland, which added caretaker-manager Billy Elliott, is having difficulty attracting a top name manager.

I was not surprised to hear New South Wales thrash me.

Emlyn Hughes

Tommy Docherty failed in a bid to sign David McCreey of Manchester City after the clubs agreed on a figure of 175,000 pounds. McCreey from Belfast was signed by the new QPR boss at Manchester United, but now wants to leave Manchester. Now Docherty is likely to bid for Coventry and Welsh international Terry Yorath (29). But Spurs, Newcastle and Swans are all in the chase for Yorath as well.

Paul Hegarty who had a disappointing debut for Scotland against Wales, is Scotland's Player of the Year. Hegarty joined Dundee United four years ago from Dumbarton for the bargain price of 40,000 pounds.

Tottenham Hotspur players are seeing the world. They have been playing in the Middle East, Japan and Bermuda. Southampton has been playing in Egypt.

Trevor Brooking, the West Ham and England star, won't be leaving his club despite the fact it missed promotion by a whisker. Brooking has signed another year's contract with the Hammers.

To the editor . . .

'City' is boring

SIR — Johnny Warren's article on United States soccer was an eye-opener. Sure the Americans can go overboard on razzamatazz, but one thing you can't knock is the exciting names of the clubs.

What a contrast to old Aussie, where every third club seems hung up on the dull appendage 'City'.

Minnesota Kickers, New York Cosmos, Collingwood City, Caulfield City, Essendon City, Chicago Stings, L. A. Aztecs, Sandringham City, Frankston City, Prahran City, Hurricanes, Rowdies, Dandenong City, Sunshine City, Croydon City. Gee, fellas, show some imagination.

— Alan Kilkelly
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Orange is mascot

MADRID — "Naranjito" a smiling orange dressed in the red and blue of Spain's national football team, will be the official Mascot of the 1982 World Cup finals.

"Naranjito" — which means little orange in Spanish — was chosen from 400 entries and wins the Seville advertising agency which designed it a prize of one million pesetas (15,000 Australian dollars).

Selection of the mascot was the main outcome of the Spanish World Cup organising committee's fifth meeting last week.

World Cup film is rejected by FIFA

THE OFFICIAL film of the 1978 World Cup in Argentina may never be shown. FIFA, the rulers of world football, don't like it.

Rene Courte, the FIFA Press Relations officer, said: "FIFA does not approve the film."

"It is not political. It is not in favour of football and it concentrates primarily on the unruly behaviour of players on the field of play. It is also too sharp in its commentary." President Joao Havelange, who saw the film with



Avi Cohen

the rest of the FIFA officials, has instructed secretary Helmut Kelsier to tell the Brazilian firm which made the film that it is not acceptable.

The film also highlights the unruly behaviour of some Scottish fans and the unhappy moments of Willie Johnston's packing off home after the drugs scandal.

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(Likely line up)

Grant SMART	Steve KOKOSKA	Steve SHORT	Ante BILAVER
Keith ADAMS	Howard ANDREWS	Ken MURPHY	
Tommy CUMMING	Carl GILDER	Branko CULINA	

PETER BLASBY — joined Croatia early this season in a package deal which saw \$15,000. Yakkia Banovic go to Heidelberg Utd. Blasby had been with Heidelberg for three years after joining the club from Frankston Pines. The lanky goalkeeper represented the Philips League in a charity game against the Victorian State League last season.

GRANT SMART — right back. Smart joined Croatia in 1977 from the Scotch League club Montrose. Has the State League championship. Ampol Cup and State Cup medals with Croatia and has been a consistent player in defence. Has been nicknamed "Maxwell" last season.

STEVE SHORT — transferred from Slavia this season for a fee believed to be about \$5,000. Joined Slavia from a minor Liverpool club after once being on the books of Everton. He currently in the Victorian squad as a full back; but plays sweeper for Croatia. To show his versatility, he played midfield for Slavia last season.

STEVE KOKOSKA — represented Australia and Victoria after graduating through Sunshine City's junior ranks. The Australian-born stopper is a giant on the field one of the toughest men around. He transferred to Croatia from Sunshine in 1977 for \$7,000.

ANTE BILAVER — played a big part in the climb of Essendon back into the State League with his tenacious play at full back. A regular over many years.

KEITH ADAMS — transferred to Croatia from Ringwood City this season for a fee of about \$2,000. A tough non-stop fighter, Adams played in midfield, but is equally at home at full back.

ALAN KERR — a rugged midfielder, is a much-travelled player. Early in his career he was with Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County and non-

league Enderby Town before coming to Australia to play in Perth. He switched from Croatia Perth to Essendon 1977, and represented Victoria in 1978.

HOWARD ANDREWS — transferred to Croatia in a package deal which involved John Gardiner going to St. Albans in 1977. Before joining Souths he played in South Africa with Durban Utd. A midfielder, he is fighting for a place in the team after being a regular in the 1978 championship-winning side.

TOMMY CUMMING — represented Victoria in 1978 and is in Len McKendry's 1979 squad. His dazzling wing play earned him the attention of national coach Rudi Gutendorf but visa problems could stand in his way. Transferred to Croatia for \$6,000 in 1978 after spending two seasons with Sunshine. Played with Johnstone Borough in Scotland.

KEN MURPHY — played with Forfar Athletic and Dundee Utd. in Scotland before joining Croatia in 1978. He is a natural striker with a powerful shot, and a tremendous work rate.

CARL GILDER — the fourth member of the Croatia team in the State squad. He was living in the shadow of Eddie Krcevic for most of last season but showed his class in the State League Cup series. He transferred from Slavia for about \$3,000 midway through 1978. A target man, he has scored many goals this season.

BRANKO CULINA — is the idol of the Croatian fans. He played with Croatia as a junior but left for St. Albans when Croatia was expelled. He gained considerable experience at St. Albans, and returned to help Essendon Croatia fight its way back into the State League. He also had a spell with Juventus.

Croatia v Makedonia, Olymp

By KYLE PATTERSON

Two of the most feared players in the Victorian State League will miss the match of the year between Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia.

Croatia's dynamic leader, Alan Kerr, feared because of his ferocious tackling, has been sidelined by a recurring knee injury.

Kerr is facing an operation on a knee cartilage and at least four months out of soccer.

George McMillan, the Makedonia striker, nick-named "macho man" because of his tireless and powerful running, also has a knee injury and will virtually chance of recovering in time for the big match.

McMillan, who often shrugs off

injuries which shake lesser men, has suffered a troublesome injury for the past month but now it has got the better of him.

The absence of Kerr and McMillan, who are former Victorian State team mates will change the complexion of the crucial match.

Both coaches — Tony Vrzina of Makedonia and Brian Edgley of Croatia — must work to overcome the loss of the key players. The team which compensates best for its loss has a great advantage.



Tommy Cumming (Above, left) races past Sandy Irvine of Frankston.



•Alan Kerr

Unless McMillan stages a remarkable recovery, the number nine Preston shirt will go to Alan Tuffield, the former Box Hill striker.

At Croatia, experienced linkman Howard Andrews will step into the team. Edgley may also switch Ken Murphy from a central striker role into midfield to boost that department.

The loss of Kerr means much to Croatia. When fit, Kerr is an effective midfield destroyer and makes Croatia so much tighter in defence, with Kerr breaking

McMilla
Kerr to
the big

down moves in midfield, the defence has less pressure.

Kerr is a great winner of the ball and gives players around him plenty of possession. He is a powerful player with the ability to "burst" through and create openings.

Having Kerr in its line-up was always a physiological advantage to Croatia because the big Scot was feared by opponents. Also, his fatigued style was a great inspiration.

Without him, Croatia will be forced to draft a third player into the midfield whereas the team has been playing a 4-2-4 formation. Murphy is the player who will drop back but this robs Croatia of fire-power up front.



Above right: Carl Gilder challenges Juventus goalkeeper Robert Terzini.



Peter Blasby

We need more players: Edgley



• Brian Edgley

Essendon Croatia coach Brian Edgley has complained that the club ignored his calls for more players to strengthen his playing staff.

Edgley said never before had he coached a team with such a small squad.

"I've been working with only 12 first team players," said Brian, "and even then players have been carrying injuries. Every week we've had headaches wondering if we'll have 11 fit players."

"Croatia has been operating with the bare minimum of top-line players. If we get hit by injury, the team will be in all sorts of trouble."

"It Essendon's hope to retain the State League championship; we must have the depth to ride injuries but the club has constantly refused to buy players."

"Soccer Action" followed up the matter with Croatia manager Frank Burin.

"The Croatia committee decided early this season that our young players should be given a chance," said Burin. "At present our reserves are on top of their league with the oldest player being 23 years. We have some good young players in the club."

"Also, Croatia doesn't have the resources to buy when clubs demand \$10,000 for good players."

Edgley said using young and untried players in a team trying to stay at the top was impractical.

"The club decided to put young players into the first team and Croatia doesn't win any honours," said Brian, "the blame falls on me."

"Last season, Croatia had 18 first team players. There was competition for places

and depth to ride injuries. Croatia won three trophies last season."

"Now we are down to 12 first team players. Edgley said the clubs trying to wrest the championship from Croatia — Frankston City, Preston Makedonia, Hakoah St. Kilda, Prahran Slavia, and Croydon City — had all added to their squads this season."

"Croatia lost six players from the 1978 team," said Brian, "but has bought only two — Steve Short from Slavia and Keith Adams from Ringwood City."

The players Croatia lost are: Yakkia Banovic (Heidelberg), John Gardiner (transferred-listed), Bill Vojek (Green Gully Ajax), Zeljko Lesan (Adelaide Croatia, now Adelaide Azzurri), Brian Davidson (Tasmania) and Eddie Krcevic (Adelaide).

Howard Andrews has missed many games this season because of business commitments.

The Essendon Croatia team of 1979 presents Edgley with his best chance of coaching a championship-winning team since he led Mooroolbark Utd. to the Victorian First Division title in 1974.

Edgley coached Ringwood City, Mooroolbark (twice), South Melbourne Hellas, Devonport and Frankston City before joining Essendon Croatia.

Because it's only his first season with Croatia, he hasn't been affected by the fierce rivalry between Croatia and Preston Makedonia, but he's under the same big a big bearing on the championship race.

"Croatia and Preston can't afford to drop points," he said, "and so the game will be hard fought. Croatia is yet to reach its peak but still has the ability to take two points."

"We've been moving the ball well lately, and

I think this will catch Preston out. Once we get into our opponents' half we move the ball quickly and accurately and that's our strength."

Edgley named five players who were vital to the smooth running of the Croatia machine.

"In defence Steve Short and Steve Kokoska are important players," said Brian, "and up front Tommy Cumming, Carl Gilder and Ken Murphy are damaging strikers."

Cumming has a marvellous work-rate and gives us drive in the midfield as well as being a striker. I changed his style from last season and he accepted the challenge with determination."

"Murphy was a winger or midfield player last season, but I've used him as a central striker. In this position he's a valuable player and has helped take a load off Carl."

"Gilder is keen to score goals and has worked hard at training."

Although Essendon has a well-balanced forward line the midfield is a trouble spot.

"I'll admit we are vulnerable in midfield," said Edgley. "I may have to bring Murphy back into this area to give us a boost."

Edgley said that while Makedonia was good as an attacking unit, the defence may not be able to hold the Croatia forwards.

"Makedonia's full backs like to attack," he said, "but our forwards need only an inch to create trouble."

Edgley said he could be forced to make a last-minute change to the Croatia 4-2-4 formation which has proved so effective this season.

"But whatever system we use," he said, "I think we can win the game. I just hope we have 11 fit players out on the park against Preston Makedonia."

It should be a great match:— Croatia will win it.

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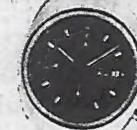
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THE JUNIOR SCENE

Northerners are back

The globetrotting Northern NSW junior team is back from a month-long tour of the United States.

The boys lost only one of 10 matches on the tour, for which \$28,000 had to be raised to cover expenses.

Among the tourists was Andrew Stowell, son of Melita Eagles coach Bruce Stowell, who won 'Soccer Action's' 1976 Player of the Year award while with Pan Hellenic.

The touring squad, coached by Roger Stowell, was managed by Geoff Spinks, both from the Central Coast Association. Craig Hamshaw, Chris McPherson, Peter Leeson (Richmond-Tweed Association); Chris Miner (capt.), John Bellett, Troy Scottman, Mark Gageler (Macquarie); Gary Phillips (vice-capt.) (Northern Rivers); Darren Taylor (Newcastle); Nigel Drysdale, Andrew Stowell, Jeremy English, Mark Spinks (Central Coast); Gary Mungover, David Hunt (Hunter District).

U.15 squad

The following players have been selected to represent Victoria in the 15 National Titles to be held in Perth, WA, from August 31 to September 8.

1. Ian Petru (Heidelberg) 2. Craig Head (Warragul City) 3. Chris Talaras (Hills) 4. Mark Kresan (Box Hill) 5. Danny Berardi (Alax) 6. Jim Belevski (Preston) 7. John Mihalidis (Heidelberg) 8. Ian Reach (Bendigo) 9. Robbie McLean (Hills) 10. Vlado Bozinovski (Melbourne) 11. Ignatious Amanadis (Heidelberg) 12. Bill Bouzas (St. Kilda) 13. Greg Gerick (Kew) 14. Mark Tait (Thomastown) 15. Guy Baker (Nunawading) 16. Omer Laif (UST).

Coach: Tom Nenbiggin, Manager: Ken Slack.

Like to live in Old?

Former Slavia (Vic) stars Ian Livingstone and Billy Cook who are coaching Across The Waves, have issued a call for players to join the Bundaberg club which plays in the Queensland State League.

Players interested in joining Across The Waves should contact John Innes on Melbourne (03) 397 8093. He will pass the message on to Livingstone and Cook.



Nunawading under 9 Leopards, standing from left: Steve McElvie, Ray Jardine, Neil Horn, Steve Milatos, Robbie James, Colin Scott, Gavin England. Front: Andrew Nicholson, Jason Donelan, Glenn Boyd, Piers Clarke, Shane Dawson, Michael Thomas, Graham Coombes, Matthew Pill. Rear: coach Tommy Scott.

Tommy Scott, coach of Nunawading (Vic) under 9 Leopards, has introduced a novel incentive scheme for the boys.

He has introduced a special 'Leopards' jersey which is awarded every week to the boy who tries hardest. The jersey stays with the boy for a week and is handed on to the next winner.

Scott explains that the weekly winner does not necessarily have

Incentive

to score goals or be the best player of the match.

"He may touch the ball only a few times but it's the way he does it that counts. It may also be for a great run or some other special achievement," Scott says.

Every member of the Leopards squad plays in every game — as it should be. No-one stands around patiently only to have his hopes dashed by being told he won't get a run after all.

Up to last weekend, the boys had won four games, drawn two and lost two. The squad consists of 17 "oldies" who played last year, three new local boys one from Queensland — LAURIE SCHWAB.



These boys are the best in their age group in Victoria. They are the Central Region team which won the recent Victorian under 15 representative championship, scoring 22 to three in five games.

Back row, from left: Mario Viggiani (man-

ger), Robert Batsaki, Tiger Armanadis, John Elencovski, John Mihalidis, Chris Talaras, Jim Belevski, Bill Elencovski (coach), Front: Vlado Bozinovski, Marco Olzio, Lou Petrou, Kenny Harrison, Graham Haslam, Nigel Yates. Missing: Daniel Zemunski, John Ferrer.

Croatia — it's official

The Victorian Soccer Federation has finally yielded to Croatia soccer club, and in so doing, has confused the ethnic names issue.

The VSF hierarchy has ruled that the appendage 'Croatia' be added to Essendon as the official name of the State League club.

The Essendon club has been called 'Croatia' for several seasons by fans and by most soccer writers. However, the VSF refuse to accept the name as it had been used by original Croatia club in 1972.

The recent about face by the VSF is aimed at sorting out the confusion. Listen to conversations about Essendon and you would probably hear the club called 'Lions', 'Croatia' or 'Essendon'.

Essendon Croatia is now a bona fide name, but now the whole question of ethnic names comes to the fore.

Why has the VSF approved an ethnic name for a club after suppressing the use of such names in the Metropolitan League?

State Federation, following the lead of Sir Arthur George, the Australian Soccer Federation president, have been slowly phasing out the use of ethnic names.

Croatia has now turned a full circle since its expulsion. The club re-appeared as Essendon Lions in 1974, was later known simply as Essendon, and now has regained its former identity.

So long, Martin

Frankston will farewell guest player Martin Peters on Friday night with a function in the clubrooms at Centenary Park.



Martin Peters

Croydon protests

Croydon City will appeal against a VSF decision not to allow the club to stage a celebrity game.

The VSF turned down Croydon's request for permission to stage a game because it would clash with other State League games.

But Croydon president Geoff Pegg argues that the proposed match would not affect attendances at other State League games — and that the celebrity game would give Croydon the opportunity to promote soccer in the area.

Croydon maintains fans of other State League clubs wouldn't desert their team to watch an Entertainers XI take on Croydon City.

Croydon spokesman Dave Sims was angry at the VSF for its stand, saying the affair was "a little pathetic".

The Entertainers' XI would include the likes of Stan Munro, the female impersonator, and wrestler Mario Milano.



Geoff Pegg

\$1000 buy

George Cross has bought Prahran Stavio defender Ian Runcie for a fee reported to be in the region of \$1000.

Runcie, who didn't play first team soccer with Slavia, made his debut for George Cross against Sunshine City.

Runcie came to Australia from Great Britain earlier this season.

George Cross will be without goalkeeper Gerry Rice for a while as he is returning to England because of sickness in his family.

George Watters of Altona City will be unavailable for several weeks for personal reasons.

George Cross will continue to search the transfer market in a bid to bolster its ailing team.

What happens to Tony Gatt?

Albion Rovers has signed Footscray JUST full back Paul Hyne, the last member of a "rebel" group to leave the Paul Hyne club.

Hyne transferred to Albion on a free transfer, but the club had to undertake responsibility for Hyne under Immigration Department laws.

Hyne, along with goalkeeper Mike O'Hara and midfielder Steve Carpenter, won clearances in and out-of-court settlement with Footscray.

Carpenter and O'Hara joined Hakoah, but the transfers of all three players are subject to the result of a court case in which Footscray will attempt to have the group of three players.

JUST and other clubs would ignore the players, as the battle between the two parties is far from over.

Even more painful for JUST is the fact it receives no transfer fees for the players. O'Hara cost the club \$3,000, and Hyne and Carpenter were part of an expensive, but unsuccessful recruiting scheme.

Hyne is the second full back Albion has bought in the past fortnight. Joe Thompson crossed from Green Gully for \$500.

This leaves young, promising defender Tony Gatt high and dry.

Gatt played several games at the start of the season, but looks destined to spend the rest of the season in the reserve team, despite his great potential.



Paul Hyne

THEY'RE AVAILABLE

The official Victorian Soccer Federation transfer list for June is:

Name of Player	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Residency Qualification	Transfer Fee Required	Present Club	Present Club Contact
C. Petrov		Greece	Aust. Citizen	\$2,500	Preston	T. Vrzina
P. Glasson		New Zealand	Temporary	\$2,000	Preston	311 0501
B. Flanagan		England	Temporary	\$3,000	Preston	of
C. McIlroy		England	Temporary	\$4,000	Preston	J. Anton
C. Glencoe		England	Permanent	\$4,000	Preston	314 7051
V. Margo		Malta	Permanent	\$750	G. Gally	G. Spiteri
N. Kostopoulos		Yugoslavia	Permanent	\$5,500	Kelso	A. Cesar
M. Pogani		Chile	Permanent	\$750	Kelso	A. Cesar
F. Schol		Germany	Permanent	\$500	Kelso	A. Cesar
L. Aguirre		Uruguay	Permanent	\$1,000	Kelso	A. Cesar
F. Cardew		Chile	Permanent	\$375	Kelso	A. Cesar
N. Mwasesse		Uganda	Permanent	\$1,500	Kelso	A. Cesar
K. Walker	19.9.45	U.K.	Permanent	\$3,000	G. Cross	Club
P. Murphy	6.9.48	U.K.	Permanent	\$6,000	G. Cross	Club
P. Ebeni	30.8.53	U.K.	Temporary	\$3,000	G. Cross	Club
R. Morton	6.10.50	Ireland	Citizen	\$1,500	Waverley	R. Wardell
C. Smith		Scotland	Temporary	\$3,000	Juventus	C. Serrica
R. Ames		Scotland	Permanent	\$1,000	Werribee	

Buljevic runs riot

From page 6

54th: Jim Campbell goes on a great solo run through the middle and his 20-metre shot takes a bounce which deceives Todd Clark, 1-1.

69th: Andrew Bozic plays the ball from the right wing. Paton chases furiously, past the far post and hooks the ball stylishly back into the penalty area 2-1.

90th: A quick City break sees Stevenson cutting the ball square to Terry Smith who slots it home. Ken Taylor tried to clear in vain to clear off the line, 2-2.

Other highlights:

9th: Buljevic and Cole play a one-two on the left flank. Buljevic storms down the line, calling for Cole to follow. Buljevic crosses but Cole is a little too far behind

10th: Barnes gets away on City's left flank and crosses to Cole who header flashes past the post.

15th: Buljevic works his way into the penalty area but is stopped by a great tackle by Mulen.

37th: Barnes rides a tackle and sees the ball wide for Watson to shoot but Banovic turns the ball over the bar with a fingertip save.

43rd: Buljevic sends a brilliant side rule to Cole who squeezes a great shot past his opponent, O'Connor, and past Clarke, but the ball goes narrowly across goal.

47th: Bobby Provan misses a tackle, leaving Borges free to head for goal. Borges decides on a lob to the far corner but it's

wide for Cole who misskicks.

58th: Watson wriggles through into the area but Tansey prevents a goal by hooking the ball clear, from behind. Watson is blocked by Clarke.

62nd: A great shot by Buljevic comes back to Peton but he hits it awfully, over the top.

68th: Buljevic plays the ball to Peton. Peton gets it first but Paton fights tigerishly, wins the ball back and spear it forward for Buljevic who, however, is offside.

76th: Yannick Tansey serves Heideberg's lead by blocking Stevenson after Watson had worked the ball in from the right.

81st: With the score at 2-2, Banovic makes another brilliant save from a first-time shot by

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The boys will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's Hat-Trick Heroes are:

Matthew Van Stomvoot, 10 (Sunshine); Anthony Cogswell, 8 (Newnham); Philip Clooney, 10 (Bayswater); Pauline Scholz, 10 (Clayton); Peter Papapetrou, 14 (West Adelaide); Sam Stock, 14, five goals; Sammy D'Andrea, 14, four goals; Andrew Broome, 14 (Boronia); Jeremy Darlington,

10, four goals (Waverley); Paul Danzi, 15, four goals; Jimmy Dammas, 15, Alastair Cackett, 14 (Meadow Park); Harry Tsilikidis, 13, four goals (Rosanna); Tony Villani, 9, David Mellings, 10, four goals (Beaumaris); Fernando Gonzales, 12, four goals; Steve Ray, 12, John Watson, 9 (Maryborough Spartans); Zelko Gugala, 10 (Essendon); Darren Jones, 11, Zivko Hristov, 11, Peter Kotamainen, 14 (Coniston NSW); Hamid Shaeemchian, 12 (Broadmeadows); Graham Campbell, 13, seven goals (Vermont SA); Ray Petasic, 9, seven goals; Paul Spiteri, 10, four goals; Peter Patrici, 10, four goals; Michael Falzone, 10, four goals; Anthony Veljkovic, 12 (Gledsborough); Andrew Lovell, 10 (Diamond Creek); Kevin Fisher, 11, Warren Hastings, 12, John McNight, 6, four goals; Glen Dean, 8 (Hampton Park); John Kopinina, 9 (Macquarie Fields, NSW); William Kostess 11, Tony Batticciotto, 12 (Broadmeadows); Graham Campbell, 13, seven goals (Vermont SA); Ray Petasic, 9, seven goals; Paul Spiteri, 10, four goals; Peter Patrici, 10, four goals; Michael Falzone, 10, four goals; Mirko Cugura, 8, Darren Gatt, 8, Peter Pullen, 15, five goals; Robin Sattle, 12 (Springvale); Patricio Cid, 12, (South Yarra); Jamie Rogers, 9, four goals (Upper Yarra); Daniel Kuzmanoski, 6, Chris Ristovski, 9, Billy Stojarovski, 9, Zoran Micevski, 9, six goals; Tony Bugarovski, 9, Darren Jones, 11, Zivko Hristov, 11, Peter Kotamainen, 14 (Coniston NSW); Hamid Shaeemchian, 12 (Broadmeadows); Steve Gajic, 13, six goals (Essendon); Ronald O'Mara, 11, four goals; Robert O'Mara, 9, four goals (Seaford); Jim Apostolou, 12, five goals; Sean Mitchell, 12 (White Eagles, Lakes Entrance); Con Kiosos, 12, nine goals (South Oakleigh); Roger Bazzano, 11, four goals (Newlands Primary); Eric Kubilay, 13 (Meadow Park); Billy Pseudekenomou, 11, four goals (Clarendon); 9 (Rosanna).

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Anything you can do I can do too...

Ronald O'Mara, of the Seaford (VIC) under 12, scored four goals in a game against Cranbourne recently.

Six days later, his younger brother Robert lined up for Seaford in an under 10 match against Chelsea and also scored four goals.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



AUTOGOL ODLUCIO U SIDI-NEU

JUST je protiv Brisbane City-a jedva sastavio tim, ali pred put za Sydney zadesila je ga jedna nesreca. U petak na treningu sudarili su se Palinkas i Hazabent. Tek uvece je Igor Hazabent saznao da mu je tom prilikom pukla vilična kost. Razume se, nije optužio zvog cega je, nikošta igrača. Prema predstavama, igrač je ujutru dobio rezervne obranjanog igrača. Prvi 45 minuta JUST se je ogranicio na obranu, koja nije bila nujniješnja ali srecem APIA je uspela da postigne samo jedan gol. Posle odmora odnos snaga se nagnuo menja, lako okrenut. JUST igra boli i nepravno ugrozava protivnički gol. Od mnogobrojnih zlatnih prilika iskoriscene su samo dve. Streli je svi boji Palinkas i Jim Kondaric u guzu. APIA nije postigla jedan gol iz protivnjaka, a u kraju je dobio poklon od Jim Kondaric koji je naredio po-godicu sopstvenim mrežu.

Uzeta u celosti, JUST dosegao

Nešto bolje od Newscle Uniteda, a u Olimpičkom Parku. Ako svih igrači budu zdovni, treba očekivati još jedne pobede "plavih" bez obzira ko je protivnik.

MAKEDONIJA IZGUBILA RAGB DVOBOJ

Debi utakmicu sa Makedonijom je moralna da odigra bez George McMinn, 19, između dva klijunova koji su padli u ne-ranju utakmicama. Na nesreću Makedonije Frankston je izbrakao da igrač prvi put u Olimpičkom Parku. Ako svih igrači budu zdovni, treba očekivati još jedne pobede "plavih" bez obzira ko je protivnik.

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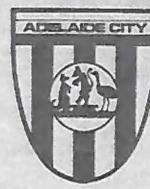
SECRETARY G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH R. Rasic

GROUND Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

COLOURS Black & White.

This week's Match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 377 2891

COACH: E. Spearritt.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

This week's Match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: Montrose Wines & Spirits Pty. Limited
Retail Cellar Sales, 398 Montrose Rd.
West End Brisbane. Phone 44 7320.

This week's Match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford



This week's Match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: M. Poulakakis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's Match: v **MARCONI** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SPONSOR:



SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: B. McLachlan

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's Match: v **NEWCASTLE** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.



This week's Match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

COACH: D. McKay

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).

This week's Match: v **APIA LEICHHARDT** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Monday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's Match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: opatra



This week's Match: v **ST GEORGE** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344 (Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW

Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford.



This week's Match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.